

New Brighton

State Island

Nov 26th 1883

B. D. Harrington Esq

Dear Sir

I have delayed writing you as Mr Robertson promised to let you know how I was getting along, and, also for the reason that I should be better able to judge of the work.

I like the work very

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much and think I could
not have anything to
suit me better as my
work is very general
and covers all branches.

I have been getting
up plans and sections
of the different "burners"
and "chambers" and
"towers" and also plans
for the construction of
the large additions now
being built and at the
same time working
on a large ground
plan of the works.

They intend building
among other things
six chambers (115' x 30' x 20')
thirty four burners and
four towers and a
large octagonal
chimney so that
my work is somewhat
varied.

The works are situated
on Constable Hook and
in the most miserable
country I ever saw
so we have to live
on Staten Island

and cross over to work
by a small boat ferry
which I find very
inconvenient; and, in
the winter-time when
the "Kill" is full of ice,
they say is dangerous.
I must close with many
thanks for your
kindness

Yours Very Sincerely

Richd. F. Smith